

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12/3/08
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, John Andrew, Mark Graham, Alex Deakin, Emma Thompson, Ian Heritage, Brad Andrew, Paul Linnett and Paul Donovan.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry, Lloyd Mulholland and Chris Mullholland.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly, Drummoyne, Georges River, St George, Illawarra and Middle Harbour.

CONDOLENCE: Michael McMahon advised that he had received news earlier today that Chris Mulholland's mother had passed away suddenly on the weekend. Funeral details were unknown at this stage. Condolences were expressed by all present at the meeting to Chris and Lloyd and their family.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 13th February 2008.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. Promotions - Kate Thomas has provided some suggestions; these are to be discussed at the this meeting.

It was moved Ian Heritage and seconded Brad Andrew that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Georges River - cheque for \$80 in payment of invoice No. 72.
2. Drummoyne - cheque for \$70 in payment of invoice No. 70.
3. Manly - advice of a direct credit made to Association account of \$70 in payment of invoice No. 71.
4. St George - one registration for the skiff "No Name" (\$70 to be invoiced to St G).
5. Kulmar Boat Building - cheque for \$600 being deposit for use of 13ft skiff mould.
6. Austbrokers Sydney Pty Ltd - insurance proposal and premium schedule for 16ft skiffs.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.

Moved Emma Thompson and seconded Ian Heritage that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$17,253.23cr.
2. Term Deposit - T/D for \$46,960.88 falls due 21 April 2007. It was agreed to add \$10,000 to the deposit, plus the interest (approx \$1,890), and reinvest for a period to be determined by the Executive at the time.
3. Regatta Prizemoney - there was discussion on whether some of the Association's funds should be allocated to clubs with lower regatta prizemoney. Whilst it was agreed that it might assist clubs that are not so well off financially, if it were done, it would have to be done equitably, as the Association is meant to be there for all clubs. It was suggested that an allocation could be made to the overall Association point scores as an incentive for boats to travel to all, or at least a majority, of regattas. To be discussed again prior to next season.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.
CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for St George Regatta held on 17th February 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 24 starters and 23 finished. There were five beach entries ("Ancient Mariners", "Nuairé" and "Rollashield Security"- \$180 to be invoiced to StG; "Fridgarama" - \$60 to be invoiced to Illawarra; "Watkins Real Estate" - \$60 to be invoiced to GR). There were no protests. Scratch won by "V.K. Thomas" (MH) from "Konami" (Bel), "Riley Marine Fittings" (GR), "Aust Brokers Sydney" (GR) and "Energy Australia" (Man). Handicap won by "Ancient Mariners" (StG) from "Nuairé" (StG), "John Romanous Consulting Engineers" (GR), "Joe Walsh Rigging" (StG) and "Bruce Gault Boat Builder and Repairs" (GR).
2. New registration – the skiff "Watkins Real Estate" sailed in the St George Regatta but has not registered this season. An invoice is to be sent to Georges River (it's home Club) for \$70 to cover the registration.
3. Association Point Scores - a schedule of the four separate Association Point Scores was tabled, as at the completion of the final Regatta for the 2007/08 season.

Association Championship Point Score

Belmont	7,390 points
Manly	5,109 "
Middle Harbour	2,642 "
Georges River	1,634 "
Illawarra	1,026 "
Drummoyne	136 "
St George	83 "
Port Hunter	76 "

Charles Wood Handicap Point Score

Belmont	4,285 points
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Illawarra	2,610 “
Manly	1,854 “
Georges River	1,604 “
Drummoyne	1,263 “
St George	1,023 “
Middle Harbour	964 “
Port Hunter	777 “

Regatta Fastest Time Point Score

1	Konami	23 pts
2	OAS	29
3	Riley Marine Fittings	41
4	Aristocrat	47
5	Sheads First National	49
6	Carlton Draught	57
7	Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe	62
8	Fluid Building Services	64
9	Cougar Bourbon	65
10	Fire Stopping	70
11	Newcastle Newspapers	70 (on countback)
12	Lincraft	75
13	Aust Brokers Sydney	78
14	Energy Australia	79
15	Illawarra Gear & Diff	81

Regatta Handicap Point Score

1	Illawarra Gear & Diff	41 pts
2	Cougar Bourbon	54
3	Aristocrat	57
4	Sheads First National	60
5	OAS	63
6	Newcastle Newspapers	67
7	Lincraft	74
8	Infinite Property Solutions	76
9	Riley Marine Fittings	84
10	Carlton Draught	99
11	Konami	102
12	Aust Brokers Sydney	107
13	Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe	120
14	Racing Line	120 (on countback)

15	Fluid Building Services	121
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4. Regattas for next season - Brad Andrew advised that Manly wished to host their regatta on Saturday 18th October 2008. Michael McMahon advised that he received an email from Belmont and they would like to host the Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Championship on Saturday 7th February 2009 and the Belmont Bay Championship on Sunday 8th February 2009.

COMMODORE:

1. Michael McMahon advised that he had spoken with Lloyd today and he wished to have his thanks recorded to the St George Club for its hospitality at the Botany Bay Championship.

REGISTRAR:

Michael McMahon advised that he had now received details from the Registrar, Craig Corke on new hull registered thus far this season.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Boat</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Club</i>
168	KOFM	Adam Gillson	Belmont
169	Konami	Graham McKellar	Belmont
170	Custom Engineering	Tim Montague	Manly
171	Bruce Gault Boat Building & Repairs	Bruce Gault	Georges River

Invoices for \$150 each to be sent to the relevant clubs.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. 2008/09 Australian Championship - the following dates have been nominated by Illawarra for the Championships:-

Sunday	4/1/09	Invitation Race
Monday	5/1/09	Heat 1
Tuesday	6/1/09	Heat 2
Wednesday	7/1/09	Heat 3
Thursday	8/1/09	Heat 4
Friday	9/1/09	Lay Day
Saturday	10/1/09	Heat 5
Sunday	11/1/09	Heat 6
Monday	12/1/09	Heat 7

2. Michael McMahon advised that he had received an email from the President of Port Kembla Sailing expressing concern about a crossover on dates with the Sharpies Australian Championships that his Club is hosting. The email was passed on to the Secretary of the Australian Association.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. 13ft Focus Group - Emma Thompson reported on the second meeting of the 13ft Focus Group held on 27th February. The meeting discussed several issues raised at their last meeting and the feedback that had been given by our Association (copy of minutes attached). There was discussion at our meeting, in particular, about the issue of age restrictions. The consensus of our meeting was that male skippers and crew should be

- 21 or under at the start of the season; disagreement was also expressed about the introduction of an all female crew award at the Nationals; we agree with the 5 year limit on females but this should start after age 21.
2. Mark Graham said that the 13's were happy with the proposed Nationals at Belmont but felt that the Championships would be better if they started on about 2 January so that families can spend time at home over the Christmas / New Year break. They agree to trying to restrict the series to 1 week. Alex Deakin mentioned that a number at the Middle Harbour Club also agreed that it would be better to start the Championships immediately after New Year.
 3. Constitution - there was discussion on whether it would be better for the 13's to have their own Constitution or incorporate the Class within the rules of our Constitution. The meeting favoured this option. Having two officials of the 13ft skiff Executive as office bearers of the NSW 16ft Skiff Association was also favoured. Further discussion to take place on this issue.
 4. Hull modification - Mark mentioned that Ben Dibley, who has borrowed the mould to build two new hulls, has suggested a modification to a frame on the deck around the mast. Mark indicated that he felt it was a good improvement and had given Ben the go ahead.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Marketing - there was discussion on the suggestions submitted several months ago by Splash Public Relations. There was general agreement with the recommendations. It was agreed to approach Kate Thomas to get a proposal on costs and options.
2. Yachting NSW – new fee structure - Alex Deakin advised that the Middle Harbour Club had concerns about the revised YA (NSW) fee structure. MH has to pay \$8,000, the same as Manly and Georges River.
3. 13ft skiff mould Brad Andrew raised his concerns about the 13ft skiff mould be transported around (Ben Dibley from Kulmar Boat Building has just borrowed it). Brad said that Cosine had been given possession of it last year. They had altered it and carried out some repairs. Brad felt that by sharing it around, boat builders could delay matters when they had hold of it to make a construction timetable difficult for another builder who may need it also. There was considerable discussion on the issue, with some delegates favouring the sharing of the mould to help retain competition of pricing and freedom of choice by purchasers.

It was agreed in the end, to monitor the situation at this stage and, if any problems started to become evident (eg. mould damage, unreasonable withholding of the mould, etc...) the matter should be discussed again and a system put in place to lease it out to a builder for a specified period (eg. annually).

There was also discussion on the laminating schedule of the hulls. Mark is to clarify what the desired figure should be and it be adopted as the standard.

Meeting closed 10.30pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 16th April 2008** at 7.30pm.